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To Whom It May Concern:

It was recently brought to my family's attention that the FDA has proposed legislation that would require mandatory pasteurization of all fresh juices.

My family enjoys the goodness of freshly squeezed juice on a daily basis. It is our belief that fresh juice is very healthy, and that its benefits far outweigh its risks. I hate to think that one day we may not be able to have the convenience of purchasing fresh juice. As a busy mother, I can't imagine the amount of work that it would take me to squeeze enough oranges to make the morning juice for my family!

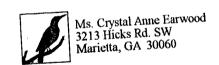
If you must, put a label on fresh juice warning the consumer of its potential dangers. Let it be up to the individual. If we are free to smoke a cigarette with only the simplest of warnings printed on the package, certainly we should be free to enjoy a nice glass of freshly squeezed orange juice with that cancer stick, shouldn't we?!

Thanks for listening,

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